

Claims

What is claimed is:

- [c1] An apparatus for modeling a power system of a microprocessor based system, comprising:
 - a plurality of power converter models;
 - a board model that receives an output from the plurality of power converter models;
 - a package model that receives an output from the board model; and
 - a chip model that receives an output from the package model.
- [c2] The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of power converter models comprises a plurality of DC to DC power converter models.
- [c3] The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of power converter models comprises four DC to DC power converter models.
- [c4] The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the chip model further comprises:
 - a plurality of bump and grid models;
 - a plurality of section models that receives a plurality of outputs from the plurality of bump and grid models; and
 - a plurality of channel models that interconnect the plurality of section models.
- [c5] The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the plurality of bump and grid models comprises nine bump and grid models.
- [c6] The apparatus of claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of section models further comprises a load model.

- [c7] The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the load model comprises a voltage controlled resistor.
- [c8] The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the load model comprises a current source.
- [c9] The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the plurality of section models are arranged in an interconnecting grid.
- [c10] The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the interconnecting grid is generally square shaped.
- [c11] The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the plurality of section models comprises nine section models.
- [c12] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the plurality of the section models are arranged in a three section by three section grid.
- [c13] The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the plurality of the channel models comprises ten section models.
- [c14] An apparatus for modeling a power system of a microprocessor based system, comprising:
 - means for modeling a power converter;
 - means for modeling a board that receives an output from the means for modeling a power converter;
 - means for modeling a package that receives an output from the means for modeling a board; and
 - means for modeling a chip that receives an output from the means for modeling a package.
- [c15] A method for modeling a power system of a microprocessor based system, comprising:

modeling a plurality of power converters;
modeling a board that receives an output from the plurality of power converter;
modeling a package that receives an output from the board; and
modeling a chip that receives an output from the package.

- [c16] The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of power converters comprises four DC to DC power converters.
- [c17] The method of claim 15, wherein modeling a chip that receives an output from the package further comprises:
 - modeling a plurality of bump and grid components;
 - modeling a plurality of chip sections that receives an output from the plurality of bump and grid components; and
 - modeling a plurality chip channels that interconnects the plurality of chip sections.
- [c18] The method of claim 17, wherein modeling a plurality of chip sections forms a generally square shaped grid.
- [c19] The method of claim 18, wherein the generally square shaped grid comprises a three section by three section grid.
- [c20] The method of claim 17, wherein modeling a plurality of chip sections further comprises modeling a load.
- [c21] The method of claim 20, wherein the load is modeled as a voltage controlled resistor.
- [c22] The method of claim 20, wherein the load is modeled as a current source.

[c23] An apparatus for modeling a power system of a microprocessor chip, comprising:

- a plurality of bump and grid models;
- a plurality of section models that receives a plurality of outputs from the plurality of bump and grid models; and
- a plurality of channel models that interconnect the plurality of section models.

[c24] The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the plurality of section models further comprises a load model.

[c25] The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the load model further comprises a voltage controlled resistor.

[c26] The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the load model further comprises a current source.

[c27] The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the plurality of section models are arranged in an interconnecting grid.

[c28] The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the interconnecting grid is generally square shaped.

[c29] The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the plurality of section models comprises nine section models.

[c30] The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the plurality of section models are arranged in a three section by three section grid.

[c31] An apparatus for modeling a power system of a microprocessor chip, comprising:

- means for modeling a plurality of bumps and grids;
- means for modeling a plurality of sections that receives a plurality of outputs from the plurality of bumps and grids; and

means for modeling a plurality of channels that interconnect the plurality of sections.

- [c32] A method for modeling a power system of a microprocessor chip, comprising:
 - modeling a plurality of bump and grid components;
 - modeling a plurality of chip sections that receives an output from the plurality of bump and grid components; and
 - modeling a plurality chip channels that interconnect the plurality of chip sections.
- [c33] The method of claim 32, wherein modeling a plurality of chip sections forms a generally square shaped grid.
- [c34] The method of claim 33, wherein the generally square shaped grid is a three section by three section grid.
- [c35] The method of claim 32, wherein modeling a plurality of chip sections further comprises modeling a load.
- [c36] The method of claim 35, wherein the load is modeled as a voltage controlled resistor.
- [c37] The method of claim 35, wherein the load is modeled as a current source.